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FOR : NOVEL NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES ENCODING HUMAN FIBROBLAST
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 (8 pgs.);
2. Petition for Extension of Time (1 pg.); and
3. Return Postcard.

This response is due on March 1, 2004 (February 29th being a Sunday) with an extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-551 CON-S2 (Cura-51 CON-S2). A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 617/542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

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